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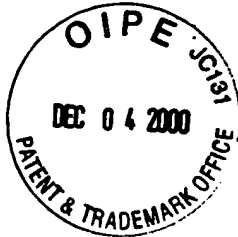
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Margaret E. Black

Application No. : 09/173,463

Filed : October 14, 1998

For



THYMIDINE KINASE MUTANTS AND FUSION PROTEINS HAVING
THYMIDINE KINASE AND GUANYLATE KINASE ACTIVITIES

Examiner : Christian L. Fronda

Art Unit : 1652

Docket No. : 240083.429

Date : November 29, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Applicant herewith petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated July 6, 2000, from October 6, 2000 to December 6, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$339.00, which includes \$195 to cover the cost of the extension and \$144 for additional claim fees.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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